

## REMARKS

This will acknowledge, with appreciation, the telephonic conferences with the Examiner regarding the Board's decision.

The Examiner has indicated that there can be no further amendments to Claims 7, 8 and 12 since prosecution has been closed, and there is no authority to reopen it.

Claim 9, which the Board found to be allowable, is dependent upon Claim 1. The elements of Claim 1, therefore, have been embodied in Claim 9 to make an independent claim, and it would appear, based upon the Board's decision, that that claim is allowable, and that this case is in condition for passage to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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